

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Department –Allegation of irregularities in execution of works under Janmabhoomi and EAS works in Guntur District against Sri P. Suryanarayana, Executive Engineer (PR) (Retired) and 3 others - Disciplinary proceedings – Enquiry Officer and Presenting Officer Appointed – Change of Enquiry Officer - Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Vig.I (A)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1645

Dated:11-11-2009.

Read the following:-

1. 1. G.O.Rt.No.513, PR&RD (VS) Department, Dated 19.4.2001.
2. Govt. Memo No. 194/VS/A1/2001-7, 8 & 9 of PR&R (VS) Dept., Dated 18.4.2001.
3. From Sri A. Venkataratnam, E.E, written statement of defence dated 14.8.2001.
4. From Sri N. Sambasiva Rao, Dy.EE, written statement of defence dated 13.12.2001.
5. From Sri Ch. China Brahmaiah, AE (PR), written statement of defence dated 21.8.2002.
6. From Sri P. Suryanarayana, EE (PR) (Retired), written statement of defence dated 19.2.2003.
7. G.O.Rt.No.105, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dt. 23.1.2006.
8. G.O.Rt.No.756, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dt. 22.5.2008.
9. From Smt. Chandana Khan, IAS, COI, GAD, D.O.Lr.No.798/COI-CK/A4/1998, Dt. 8.5.2009.

ORDER:

In the references 1st and 2nd read above, charges were framed against Sri P.Suryanarayana, EE (PR) (Retired), Sri N. Sambasiva Rao, Dy.EE, Sri Ch. China Brahmaiah, AE (PR) and Sri A. Venkataratnam, formerly Dy.EE (now retired as EE) for certain irregularities in execution of Janmabhoomi and EAS works in Guntur District with a direction to submit their written statements of defence.

2. In response to the said charge memoranda, S/Sri A. Venkataratnam, EE (now retired), N. Sambasiva Rao, Dy.EE (now retired), Ch. China Brahmaiah, AE (PR) and P. Suryanarayana, EE (Retired) have submitted their written statements of defence vide references 3 to 6th read above respectively.

3. After examining the written statements of defence, Government have decided to conduct regular enquiry into the matter under Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 and accordingly, in the reference 7th read above, Government have appointed Sri S. Satyanarayana, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department as Enquiry Officer under Rule 20(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 to conduct Inquiry against the officers on the charges framed and the Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Enquiry Officer.

4. In the reference 8th read above, Smt. Chandana Khan, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department was appointed as Enquiry Officer for conducting inquiry in this case in place of Sri S. Satyanarayana, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, who demitted office on 12.10.2007.

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5. In the reference 9th read above, Smt. Chandana Khan, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries, has submitted her enquiry report. The Commissioner of Inquiries, in her findings, has opined that this issue should be resolved only by a departmental inquiry by an officer higher than the Presenting Officer and preferably, the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department. The Commissioner of Inquiries has further opined that since almost all the charges are in technical in nature, it may require a field visit by the Engineer-in-Chief concerned, who should examine the contentions of the Lok Ayuktha and of the Presenting Officer and submit his final version to the disciplinary authority.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to conduct departmental inquiry in this matter by a Chief Engineer. Accordingly, Government hereby appoint Sri R. Venkateswara Rao, I/c Chief Engineer, PR, as Enquiry Officer for conducting departmental inquiry in this matter.

7. The Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur, who was appointed as Presenting Officer in the reference 7th read above, shall continue to be the Presenting Officer to present the case before the Enquiry Officer.

8. The Enquiry Officer shall take into account the report of the Commissioner of Inquiries received in the reference 9th read above and the contentions of the Lok Ayuktha and of the Presenting Officer, and submit his report within (3) months to Government. Further, the Enquiry Officer shall conduct enquiry strictly in terms of rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and submit report as required under rule 20 (18) (ii) of the above said rules. Copies of the Charge Memos issued to the Delinquent Officers, written statements of defence submitted by them and the report of the Commissioner of Inquiries, along with the report of the Lokayukta, are herewith enclosed.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.V.P.C. SASTRY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The individuals through the Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad.

Sri R. Venkateswara Rao, I/c CE, PR, Hyderabad through the Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER